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SUBJECT: COTTON CONTRACT PROBLEMS

PASS USDA FAS K. STEPHENS/CEP AND D. WILLIAMS COT FMD

STATE FOR C. ANGEVINE/F&TD

REF: A. MANILA 14211 B. MANILA 14743 C. MANILA 14701

D. MANILA 15044 E. STATE 256612

1. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DBP THAT U.S. SHIPPERS WILLING TO DISCUSS STAGGERED SHIPMENTS.

2. STATEMENT PARA 1 REF E THAT LIRAG HAS NOT RAISED ISSUE WITH SHIPPERS DIFFERS FROM OUR INFORMATION. AGATTACHE HAD DISCUSSION WITH MRS. SISON LAST SUMMER AFTER HER RETURN FROM THE STATES. PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO ARRANGE WITH SHIPPERS FOR STAGGERED SHIPMENTS. SHE INFORMED AGATTACHE THAT VERBAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH SHIPPERS. EMBASSY HAS AVOIDED BEING DRAWN INTO THIS CONTROVERSY AND NEITHER MRS. REYES NOR LIRAG HAVE REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE THIS MATTER. IF SHIPPERS AND BUYERS CAN AGREE, HOWEVER, WE THINK STAGGERING COULD BE HELPFUL TO SOLVING REMAINING PROBLEMS.

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3. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 4 REF A, LIRAG HAS INFORMED DBP AND

EMBASSY THAT QUALITY PERIOD I ALLENBERG SHIPMENT SUCH IT NOT
SUITABLE FOR QUALITY FABRICS LIRAG PRODUCES. THUS LIRAG VIEWS
ARBITRATION AS NO SOLUTION. LIRAG AND DBP AGAIN REQUEST
APPROVAL OPEN L/C'S HOHENBERG AND PAN AM.

4. CONCERNING REF C AND PARA 5 REF E, AND BASED OUR INFO,
EMBASSY VIEWS CANCELLATION STARKE TAYLOR CONTRACT WITH SOLIDS
AS EXTREMELY SERIOUS MATTER. DBP WILL LIKELY TAKE NEGATIVE
POSITION ON COTTON CONTRACT PROBLEM IF CANCELLATION ALLOWED
AFTER ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED. WE DO NOT DISAGREE,
OF COURSE, WITH SUGGESTED NEED TO GET FULL READING OF
FACTS FROM TAYLOR.
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